

ZEPPELINS RAIN BOMBS ON LONDON

Excell Not Exclude Urges President

WILSON SEES
GOOD FUTURE
FOR AMERICA

National Executive Declares
the Country Has Record
Breaking Prospects.

UPHOLDS HIS POLICIES

Previous Tariffs Founded on
Theories, He Says—Is
Cheered by Thousands

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 25.—President Wilson speaking before the convention of the Grain Dealers' National association here today upheld his tariff policy, defended the federal reserve act and the shipping bill and declared that if its business is properly conducted America has an unexcelled future before it.

"I want to see America seek not to exclude but to excel," said the president in discussing American trade. He spoke in support of the tariff commission created by the last congress.

Tariffs Founded on Theories.
On the tariff the president said he did not fear to say that previously tariff laws had been founded on theories. He did not fear the investigation of the facts by the tariff commission.

"It will look for the facts no matter what it hurts," he said.

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The president said he did not care whose opinion was contradicted, he wanted the tariff commission to thoroughly investigate foreign trade.

Applause is Thunderous.
Amid thunderous applause the president declared one of his chief objects had been to see that nothing was done to interfere with the friendly relations between the United States and Latin America.

President Wilson came to Baltimore today to deliver the second speech of his campaign for reelection. He arrived here at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon and was driven immediately to the Lyric theatre for his address before the National Grain Dealers' convention. Cheering crowds of several thousand people greeted him at the station.

The president's progress through the streets was marked by a continuous procession of four automobiles carrying his immediate party. There were no bands because of Mr. Wilson's insistence that the occasion be kept non-partisan. Frequently, however, he was forced to bow in response to applause.

A committee representing commercial organizations and the grain dealers' association met him. As he stepped on the platform at the theatre the audience stood and clapped.

Twentieth Annual Convention.
The 20th annual convention of the Grain Dealers' National association opened here this morning with an address of welcome by Mayor James H. Preston.

President Lee G. Metcalf of Illinois, Ill., delivered the president's annual address and reports were made by Secretary Treasurer Charles W. Verity of Toledo, Ohio, and J. W. McCord of Columbus, Ohio, for the executive committee.

Adjournment was then taken until 2:30 p. m. for President Woodrow Wilson's address.

Metcalf Assails Railroads.
In his address President Metcalf assailed the railroads in strong terms for the transportation facilities afforded the shippers during the past year, asserting that they have been "unusually inferior, inadequate and extremely unsatisfactory."

"It seems to be a self-evident fact," Mr. Metcalf declared, "that the railroads are growing more incompetent every year to take care of the shipments of grain offered them for transportation. This condition of affairs makes the handling of grain very hazardous and contributes in no small degree to the uncertainty of our business."

Advocates Rigorous Measures.
"We believe the time has come when rigorous measures of some description should be had to compel the carriers to furnish proper equipment for the transportation of grain offered them by shippers. Carriers insist that it is impossible for them to make such provision because of the depletion of profits caused by the greatly increased cost of labor and material and that freight and passenger rates do not justify them in making expenditures necessary to cure the evil."

"We do not desire to controvert this assertion, but we do insist that it should be shown by them that this is true. As to whether these allegations are facts or fiction we are convinced that remedial steps should be taken to guarantee relief."

Tug Ordered
Out to Meet
German Sub

Westerly, N. Y., Sept. 25.—Orders to have the tug Westerly proceed tonight to Montauk Point, N. Y., to assist in towing a German merchant submarine to New London were received today by Captain Frank H. Robinson of the Westerly Towing company. Captain Robinson said his instructions were received from the U. S. Scott Wrecking company of New London, which recently has had several tugs in this service of the Eastern Forwarding company, agents for the German undersea line.

Girl Gains as
Posse Hunts
Her Attacker

Grand Rapids, Minn., Sept. 25.—More than 300 men all day Sunday vainly searched the woods and portions of the vast swamps in the region believed to shelter the man who attacked and shot Miss Olga Dahl, Round Lake school teacher, Thursday.

There are hundreds of miles of swamp and forest in which he may be hiding that have not been thoroughly searched and which could not be with less than several thousand men. He may be dead, Sheriff Charles Gunderson is said to have stated.

"The country in which he has taken refuge abounds in wild game," he said. "I doubt if the man we want is alive."

Dr. M. M. Hursh returned here late last night after passing the day at Miss Dahl's bedside. He said she is improving hourly.

The little cabin where Miss Dahl lies was thronged with visitors and her pupils yesterday.

REPORT VIENNA IN
THROES OF FAMINE

Zurich, Switzerland, Sept. 25. (via London, 11:30 a. m.)—Press dispatches from Vienna say there has been a bread famine there for several days owing to transportation difficulties. An official decree has been published forbidding hotels and restaurants of Vienna and lower Austria to supply bread to guests, who must bring their own. Railway service has been greatly disrupted since Rumania entered the war.

THE WAR TODAY

Latest reports regarding the important campaign in the Rumanian province of Dobruja indicate a lessening in the intensity of the struggle between the invading armies of the central powers and the Russians and Rumanians facing them.

Field Marshal von Mackensen's initial attempt to break the allied lines formed to defend the Constantza-Tchernavoda railroad evidently have failed, the opposing forces apparently are now virtually deadlocked along the front from the Danube to the Black sea.

In their invasion of Transylvania the Rumanians report success in an attack at Hermannstadt, where 300 men and five machine guns were captured. Nearly 7,000 prisoners have been taken by the Rumanians so far in their Transylvanian campaign.

Today's official statement from Petrograd declaring no events of importance have occurred along the Russian or Caucasian fronts, is one of the laconic sort customarily issued by the war office when decisive results in pending operations are lacking.

Official reports and private dispatches indicate that the fall rains are interfering with the progress of hostilities on virtually all battle fronts. In the Alpine districts and the Caucasus, cold weather and snow add to the difficulties of combatants.

The Zeppelin raid on the eastern coast of England Saturday night resulted in the death of 28 persons and the injury of 99 in the metropolitan district of London. Two Zeppelins were brought down by the British anti-aircraft guns, the crew of one being burned to death in mid-air. The crew of the other was taken prisoner.

On the Somme in the last few days more than 40 aeroplanes of the Germans and entire allies have come to grief. Both sides claim to have brought down about an equal number.

In Galicia, on the upper reaches of the Dniester, a general engagement has taken place.

In Rumania the fighting has dwindled somewhat.

British, French and Serbs have made some gains against the Bulgarians northwest of Florina.

The Austrians have blown up part of Mount Cimone, an Italian position.

RUSS FORCES
DRIVE ENEMY
OUT OF FORT

Paris Tells of Late Successes of Czar's Men in New Offensive.

CAPTURE HILL NO. 916

Strongly Fortified Work of Bulgars Falls—Sofia Denies Losses.

Paris, Sept. 25. (via London, 2:45 p. m.)—Russian troops on the western end of the Macedonian front took the offensive last night. The war office announced today that they had captured Hill 916 west of Florina, which had been fortified strongly by the Bulgarians. A Bulgarian counter attack was checked by French and Russian artillery and bayonets.

Petrograd, Sept. 25. (via London, 2:32 p. m.)—No events of importance have occurred on either the western (Russian) or Caucasian front, the war office announced today.

Bulgars Deny Losses.
Sofia, Bulgaria, Sunday, Sept. 24. (via London, Sept. 25.)—The Bulgarians have successfully defended Kalkanian height on the western side of the Macedonian battle front against repeated attacks by entente forces, the war office announced today. Successive assaults were delivered yesterday on the Bulgarian positions but in each case the attacking forces, although they closely approached the Bulgarian trenches, were unable to penetrate them and fell back with heavy losses.

Entente troops which attacked villages on the eastern bank of the Struma were forced by the Bulgarians to retreat across the stream.

Artillery Fire Weak.
"In the Moglenica valley and on both sides of the Vardar there has been weak artillery firing," the statement adds.

"On the Aegean coast and along the Danube quiet prevails. In Dobruja there has been artillery and infantry fighting of minor importance."

"The Black sea coast was quiet."

Rumanian Report.
Bucharest, via London, Sept. 25. (8:50 a. m.)—Successes for the Rumanians in both Transylvania and Dobruja are reported in an official statement issued by the war office which says:

"North and northwestern fronts—Our advance in the Caliman mountains continues. We captured 73 prisoners and one machine gun. At Hermannstadt we attacked the enemy, capturing four officers, 300 men and five machine guns. In the Jiu valley minor action occurred in which we repulsed the enemy and captured two machine guns. The total number of prisoners taken on this front up to the present is 48 officers and 6,826 men."

"Southern front—There has been an exchange of artillery fire on the banks of the Danube in Dobruja. Our left flank made further progress and captured one officer and 53 men."

DEMOS FLOCKING
TO SPRINGFIELD

Men Prominent in Politics of State Arriving at Capital for Adjourned Session of Convention.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 25.—Men prominent in Illinois democratic politics being arriving here today for the adjourned session of the democratic state convention which meets in the state armory here tomorrow at noon.

The nomination of three candidates for University of Illinois trustees and the adoption of a platform are the principal things to be accomplished.

The convention will be called to order by Arthur W. Charles, of Carmi, chairman of the state central committee. Attorney General Patrick J. Lucey of Streator will preside.

The platform is practically complete today except for the planks on labor. These will be shaped at a meeting of the resolutions committee tonight at which representatives of organized labor will be given a hearing.

Chicago, Sept. 25.—Four hundred democratic leaders and delegates from Cook county and northern Illinois districts left for Springfield on a special train today to attend the democratic state convention tomorrow. In the party were Roger C. Sullivan, James M. Dalley, chairman of the Cook county democratic committee, Arthur W. Charles, chairman of the democratic state committee, and other party leaders.

"LITTLE BO-PEEP HAS LOST HER SHEEP"

STATED DATES
OF DEMOCRAT
TALKERS OUT

Schedule Campaign Speakers for Illinois Officially Announced.

Chicago, Sept. 25.—Illinois speaking dates for Vice President Marshall, Secretary of the Navy Daniels, Senator Ollie James, Charles A. Towne and Bainbridge Colby, former progressive leaders, were announced at western democratic headquarters today as follows:

Vice President Marshall—Belleville, Oct. 2, afternoon; East St. Louis, Oct. 2, night; Peoria, Oct. 3.

Secretary Daniels—Decatur, Oct. 2; Quincy, Oct. 3; Bloomington, Oct. 4; and Danville, Oct. 5.

Charles A. Towne—Paris, Oct. 3; Bainbridge Colby, Chicago, Oct. 9, noon; Streator, Oct. 9, night.

Senator Ollie James, Streator, Oct. 9. Carl Vrooman, assistant secretary of agriculture, arrived at democratic headquarters today after a trip through the western states and declared that he found farmers more interested in the farm loan law than any other issue of the campaign. He said everywhere he went men who have voted the republican ticket for years assured him they would vote for President Wilson in November. A report received at headquarters today from Congressman Daniel V. Stephens of Nebraska says he finds Wilson sentiment is constantly growing; that well informed politicians in Nebraska predict Wilson's plurality in that state may reach 35,000.

Congressman Charles O. Lobeck writes:

"Everything looks very promising for President Wilson in Nebraska. I think the democratic plurality in our state will be from 15,000 to 25,000."

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity

Partly cloudy, with probable showers tonight or Tuesday. Warmer to night; cooler Tuesday. Fresh southwest to west winds.

Temperature at 7 a. m., 57. Highest yesterday, 77. Lowest last night, 55. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 3 miles per hour.

Precipitation, none.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 50; at 7 a. m., 70; at 1 p. m. today, 64.

Stage of water, 3.8; no change in last 48 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

Shoots Babe
and Herself;
Note Blamed

Madison, Wis., Sept. 25.—The bodies of Mrs. Arthur Gelatt and her 2-year-old daughter, Mary, were found yesterday in their home here, indications pointing to murder and suicide. It is believed the tragedy occurred several days ago. The child had been shot and killed and the mother died from a bullet wound through the brain, apparently self-inflicted.

A note was left by the woman addressed to the husband in which she declared that the shock of a letter he had written to her on Sept. 14 was fearful; that she could trust him no longer and that she would die.

Mr. Gelatt is a son of a La Crosse newspaper publisher and Mrs. Gelatt was a daughter of Dr. Ludwig Hektoen, Chicago.

Chicago, Sept. 25.—Acquaintances of Mrs. Arthur A. Gelatt, who killed herself and her baby daughter at their Madison, Wis., home, recalled today the romance of the couple at the University of Wisconsin several years ago which culminated in an elopement to Europe.

Mrs. Gelatt was the daughter of Dr. Ludwig Hektoen, professor of pathology at the University of Chicago. Her husband is the son of a La Crosse, Wis., publisher and himself a newspaper man.

At the completion of Gelatt's studies at the Madison his parents sent him to Europe. Upon his return he surprised them and his friends with the announcement that just before sailing he and Miss Ailyn Hektoen had been married and the trip to Europe was their honeymoon.

FOURTH WEEK OF
PARLEY STARTED

Mexican-American Joint Commission Continue Conference—Still Insist On Withdrawal.

New London, Sept. 25.—The members of the Mexican-American joint commission today began the fourth week of their investigation of border conditions in their effort to bring about an adjustment of international questions.

The Mexican representatives were still insist that their army is capable of maintaining peace in northern Mexico and that relations between the two countries would be greatly improved by the withdrawal of the American forces. The Americans insisted on further study of Mexico's internal affairs.

More reports from the war department supporting charges that outlawry in the state of Chihuahua is showing signs of increase were in the hands of the Americans but the Mexicans were prepared to submit counter reports indicating the insignificance of Villa's reappearance.

EXPORTS FOR
MONTH MAKE
WORLD MARK

Goods Sent Abroad During August Valued at \$510,000,000—New Record

Washington, Sept. 25.—American exports finally have passed the half billion dollars a month mark. Statistics issued today by the department of commerce show that goods sent abroad in August were valued at \$510,000,000, a record not only for this country but for the world. The total is \$25,000,000 above the previous high record, established in May and \$45,000,000 higher than the June figure.

Imports decreased in August, the total of \$39,247,391 being \$47,000,000 below that of June, the record month. It was greater, however, than the total for any previous August. Exports for the year ended with August aggregated \$4,415,000 and the imports \$300,000,000, both totals being far in advance of those for any similar period. Of the August imports 66.5 per cent entered free of duty, compared with 67.5 per cent in August a year ago.

The favorable trade balance for August was \$311,000,000 compared with \$119,000,000 in August a year ago and a balance of \$19,000,000 in August, 1914, against the United States. For the 12 months ending Aug. 31 the export balance was \$2,465,000,000 as against \$1,363,000,000 in the preceding year and \$374,000,000 two years ago.

The net inward gold movement for August was \$29,000,000 and for year \$410,000,000, a record breaker. Last year the net inward gold movement was \$148,000,000 and years ago there was a net outward movement of \$95,000,000. Gold imports in August were \$41,238,716 against \$61,641,191 in August, 1915, and \$5,045,219 in August, 1914.

EDITOR DIES FROM
INJURIES IN CRASH

Danville, Ill., Sept. 25.—McFarren Davis, former editor of the Paris (Illinois) Beacon, died Sunday as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Danville Aug. 27, when Professor John D. Shoop, superintendent of schools of Chicago, was seriously injured. Davis remained unconscious until death.

New York Public Schools Open.

New York, Sept. 25.—The New York public schools opened today two weeks later than usual. The school authorities estimated that parents of 75,000 of the 300,000 children would keep them at home through fear of infantile paralysis.

LOSS OF TWO
HUGE CRAFTS
IS ADMITTED

Berlin Statement Tells of
Machines Shot Down in
Bombardment.

TOLL OF LIFE HEAVY

Number Killed Placed at 26
With 300 Injured—
Damage Light?

Berlin, Sept. 25 (via London, 2:27 p. m.)—Extensive fires were observed to have been caused by the Zeppelin bombardment of London and the English midland counties on Saturday night. It was announced today in the official report on the air raid.

Two of the Zeppelins were lost as a result of the fire of anti-aircraft guns in London, the statement adds.

The statement reads: "During the night of Sept. 23-24 several naval airships dropped bombs on London on places of military importance and on the midland counties. Large fires were everywhere observed to result, these remaining visible for a long time."

"Previously, before crossing the British coast the airships were fired upon by guard vessels and during the attack itself an extraordinarily heavy fire on incendiary shells from numerous batteries in well-directed volleys. Two of the ships fell victims to anti-aircraft guns at London. All the others returned undamaged."

Report Damage Light.
London, Sept. 25.—Regarding the German official report on the Zeppelin raid the official press bureau today states:

"In addition to the fact that no anti-aircraft defenses or places of military importance were damaged, the account is full of the usual misstatements."

26 Deaths; 300 Hurt.
Newport News, Va., Sept. 25.—News of the Zeppelin raid on London was picked up at sea by the wireless of the British steamer Norman Monarch, bound for Chile and in port here early today for bunker coal. Captain Watson reported copying a message saying 26 persons were killed and 300 injured by the raiders.

Report No Loss at Essen.
Berlin, via London, Sept. 25. (2:30 p. m.)—No fires were caused at Essen by the hostile air raid yesterday and most of the bombs dropped inflicted no damage, according to an official report today.

The French war office bulletin of last night announced that two French aeroplanes on Sept. 24, dropped 12 bombs on Essen, where the Krupp arms plant is located. The raid returned safely after the flight of 500 miles.

RAILROAD BLAZE
HOLDS WILSON UP

Special Train of Presidential Party Delayed Eight Minutes by Car of Burning Straw.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 25.—President Wilson, traveling in a special train from Long Branch to Baltimore was held up eight minutes in the northeastern part of Philadelphia today by a fire in a carload of straw on the New York division of the Pennsylvania railroad.

While the burning car was being shifted to another track the president chatted with some of the city firemen at the blaze and members of the train crew, who cheered him as his train started off again.

Latest Bulletins

London, Sept. 25.—A dispatch to the Star from Athens says former Premier Venizelos of Greece has gone to Saloniki.

London, Sept. 25.—The earl of Essex was found dead in bed today. He had been ill for some time. His death occurred at Newmarket.

London, Sept. 25.—British monitors and destroyers bombarded the Belgian coast Sunday between Hoyst and Bruges, according to a Reuter dispatch from Flushing.

San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 25.—The Eighth Illinois infantry, a negro regiment, is to be released from serv. provisionally division in the 12th Wyoming, ordered to proceed at once to San Antonio. The Eighth Illinois troops are now at Austin, having participated in the divisional hike. They will return to San Antonio before ordered north.